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Re application of: Jean MARTINEZ *et al.*

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For: GROWTH HORMONE SECRETAGOGUES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of this application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 5-6, without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the claims as follows:

- Group II.*
7. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of claim 4.
8. (Amended) The composition of claim 7, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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9. (Amended) The composition of claim 7, in combination with an additional growth hormone secretagogue.
- III.*
10. (Amended) A method for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to elevate the plasma level of growth hormone.